

The Future Has Never Looked Brighter For This Section Than It Does Today

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Major Sample in Command

Major Sample, of the Sixteenth Infantry, has been left in command of the forces stationed at Columbus during the hunt for Pancho Villa. He has several hundred men under his command, and is taking every precaution to guard against a surprise attack by hostile Mexicans. This is the base of supplies for the army in Mexico, and there is no danger of Columbus being left without ample protection as a strong garrison must be kept here to guard the military supplies as well as the citizens and private property.

Our people have absolutely no need for any fear of attack and can continue their business as usual, with a feeling that every thing is as safe and secure as if they were located hundreds of miles from the border. Major Sample is a man that we can rely upon and one that will take every means to furnish us protection.

Major Madden, of the Q. M. Corps, is in charge of the supplies and is sending provisions, etc., to the front in auto trucks and wagons every day, and there is no chance for our troops to lack for supplies. The army is conducting their campaign in a business like way and we have no idea that with a well equipped and trained army as we have, Villa stands a very poor chance of ever making his get-away when he is in his own territory. There he knows the country as he knows his own streets.

Columbus is connected with the front by means of wireless and field telephone lines. Besides the automobiles and couriers that make the trip every day and the War Department is keeping in close touch with the troop movements. So far not a single hostile shot has been fired, and not an armed Mexican has been sighted by the American troops.

Addition to Building.

Since the increase of business in the local postoffice due to the arrival of so many more troops Postmaster Berkhead has found that the building was of not sufficient size to meet the requirements and an addition is being built on to the rear. Heilberg, Blair & Kloss, owners of the postoffice building, have men at work on the addition and the construction is being rushed. The new part will be ready for occupancy within a very short time. One to two additional clerks have been employed and all have had to stay on the job overtime.

Wanted:—A good team of mules.—Aldert Gardner.

Telephone Line Kept Busy

Since the Villa raid on the morning of March 9th, the long distance telephone line out of Columbus has hardly been idle for a moment. Calls have been received from New York, Chicago, Pittsburg and many other eastern cities. One year ago it would not have been possible to talk from Columbus to New York City, but it has been made possible by means of repeaters, which were first installed last July, and it is now possible to hear a voice thousands of miles away as distinctly as if it was in another part of your own town.

Several telephones have been installed by Manager Burton in the Military camp, and the Signal Corps have installed a private branch exchange in the camp for their own use. Mr. Burton is building a new exchange building just west of the M. E. Church, which he expects to have completed within a few weeks and will then be able to take care of the business much better than is possible at the present time.

Colors First to Cross

On Wednesday at exactly 1:00, March 15, the Regimental colors of the Thirteenth Cavalry crossed the International boundary line on the expedition after the Villa Bandits. The colors, closely followed by Colonel Slocum's staff, crossed and the command "Halt" was immediately given. The troops dismounted and adjusted their saddles. The command was mounted in a few moments, and at the command "march" the regiment passed into Mexico, Troop K leading the way. This troop was used as the advanced guard, and immediately swung out to the right and left, forming a line a mile long in each direction and considerably in advance of the main column.

The Thirteenth passed into Mexico without any ceremony or any outward expression on the part of the men, but it was plainly visible that every man was delighted to have the opportunity of going. About 3,000 men were in the first expedition from here and since that time several large forces have joined them. Two regiments entered from points west of here the following day after the first troops entered from Columbus.

Just Opened

Peach's Lunch Room. New and clean and up-to-date. Give us a call and be convinced. Centrally located in new Peach building.—Mrs. L. J. Peach.

No Need For Alarm

The army officers have the local situation entirely under control and are using every effort to keep false rumors from being circulated. There has really been no reason for excitement at any time since the raid as the soldiers have been keeping a close lookout. The Villa attack would have amounted to but little had the U. S. Troops been expecting him. The attack was a complete surprise, which was Villa's victory and what our troops are not going to let happen again. American soldiers outnumbered five to one or even more if not taken unaware can easily handle the situation and a surprise attack is the only thing we have to fear, which is entirely impossible. Aside from the fact that there are no armed Mexicans within 75 miles of Columbus and large bodies of American soldiers in large numbers between us, Major Sample sends patrols out in every direction. Business was never better here than it is now and everyone should go on about his own business as if nothing had ever happened. No place in the Southwest offers more business opportunities than Columbus, and we are far better protected than any other city or town. It's a case of 'locking the stable after the horses were stolen' of course, but those who had planned to settle in Columbus or the Lower Mimbres need not hesitate no more now than they would to go to Baltimore because the city was once destroyed by fire.

More People Arriving

On account of the wonderful increase in amount of business done by the post office at this place of late, Mrs. J. W. Blair and Mrs. Arthur Beck have been added to the force to handle the mail. Quite an addition is being built to the present post office building, which will be completed in a very few days, and doubtless make ample room for some time to come. The department has had two or three men here for several days helping to relieve the congested condition of the mail, caused by the addition of so many soldiers here and in Mexico, and the congregating of so many people here for business and other reasons. Columbus is no longer a town; but is a city and expects to soon have a post office of the first class.

When Columbus was struck lately by the calamity that every body most has read of, it was not a town of brown tents, as somebody has written; but as you can see by pictures taken before the raid by Villa, has many two story brick buildings. Only a few of the wood structures were burned.

Thousands of our newcomers are writing back home of our beautiful valley and ideal climate. We are well advertised.

Election Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1916, the regular election of the qualified voters of the village of Columbus, Luna County, New Mexico, will be held at the premises of the Foxworth Gaibraith Lumber Company, in said village, for the purpose of electing a mayor and four other trustees, to succeed the present Board of Trustees, whose term expires on the first Monday in May, 1916.

No person shall be entitled to vote at said election unless he be in all respects a qualified voter of said village of Columbus.

The following named persons will act as election officials at said election:

Election judges:
P. K. Lemmon, Sr.
A. G. Ballenger
T. J. Cole
Election clerks:
G. E. Parks
W. F. King

Said election will be held and conducted and the results thereof canvassed as provided by law. The polls of said election will be opened at 9 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 6 o'clock p. m. on said day.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the village of Columbus, in the County of Luna and State of New Mexico.

Dated March 22nd, 1916.
W. C. Hoover Mayor
Attest: J. R. Osborne Clerk

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends for their kind helpful words of comfort in the sad hour of bereavement.

Mrs. Jas. T. Dean
Myron Dean
Edwin Dean

Post Cards: Views taken just after the raid.—Courier office.

Now. People are seeing for themselves whether from Mori or not.

City Election April 4

The Village Board of Trustees have called an election on Tuesday, April 4th, for the purpose of electing a new board to control the city affairs for the next two years. From all indications the next two years will be the best that Columbus has ever seen and it is up to us to elect a board composed of our best business men. We have plenty of good material to make a board that we can feel proud of, and the thing to do is to put up our good men.

Mr. Hoover our present mayor, has given perfect satisfaction in every way, and would be the choice of the voters for another term, but he declines the honor. Dr. Dabney as a member of the present board has taken a great interest in the city affairs, and we do not believe a better man could be found for the position of mayor. C. R. Rogers, W. F. King, Albert Weld, J. R. Osborne, J. L. Greenwood, J. F. White, J. L. Walker and many others could be chosen for the trustees, and any four of the men mentioned above would fill the offices with credit and ability. The election is only ten days off and a complete ticket should be nominated at once. No one wants the job but it is a duty that must be done by some one and we believe that any of the men mentioned above will in duty bound accept the job if asked to by the qualified voters of the Village.

Settle on Columbus Route

The much discussed question of the road between Deming and Columbus was definitely settled when the Luna county road board met and decided on the route to be followed. Starting from Deming the road goes south to the Lindauer ranch, where it turns east for three quarters of a mile, thence south for one mile, turning east again two miles, and thence straight south to Columbus. The 70 draw will be bridged on the railroad grade.

All the members of the board were present at the meeting, and S. W. Almy, the board's engineer, was instructed to start a survey at once for the purpose of estimating the cost of the proposed road and bridge. As soon as Mr. Almy has completed his estimate he will submit it to the board and work will begin within the next sixty days.—Headlight.

On Cash Basis

Under the order of the Probate Court of Luna County entered March 14th 1916, I was authorized to continue the grocery business of Jas. T. Dean and was ordered to sell for cash only. We shall be pleased to meet all old and new customers on those terms.

ELIZABETH M. DEAN
EDWIN DEAN Mgr.
Special Advertisement.

Lost:—A 32 calibre colt's automatic pistol. Was lost at the school house on the night after the raid. Please return to J. S. Anderson.

Lost:—A green dress. Please return to Mrs. L. J. Peach.

Columbus and vicinity enjoyed a good rain Thursday evening. A nice shower fell Wednesday afternoon, and there was evidence of a light snow Friday morning though the sun soon removed all traces.

Grocery Has Quarters

Lemmon & Romney, who lost their store by fire, are opening up in the old postoffice building. Their loss was total, as they cannot collect their insurance. They will soon have a complete stock of fresh groceries and will be pleased to have all their old customers call on them in their new quarters.

This is the second time Lemmon & Romney have lost everything by Mexican bandits. Their property was all destroyed by fire in their old home in Mexico about four years ago by Mexican bandits and at that time they were unable to collect a cent of their insurance. It is very discouraging for them and not many men would have the courage to try again.

Such enterprising people are a great asset to a town and they certainly deserve our admiration. They will have one of the best locations in town and will be pleased to receive your patronage.

Their loss in the the raid amounts to about \$5,000. Sam Ravel was probably the biggest loser having lost three business buildings including the Commercial hotel building, in which his store room was located. His loss was not less than \$10,000.

Mr. Ritchie's loss was large, though it is at present almost impossible to estimate. B. M. Reed lost his real estate office including all his office fixtures. J. L. Walker had about \$500 worth of ammunition, guns and saddles taken. The other losses were not so large, the plate glass probably being the major portion.

It is very unfortunate that the insurance cannot be collected but all policies contain clauses that makes the policy of no value in a case of this kind. It will be up to our government to collect the loss from the Mexican government, though it will probably be several years before anything can be actually realized.

Notice

STATE OF NEW MEXICO } ss
County of Luna
To Whom It May Concern,
and especially to all who are interested or may become interested in the estate of JAS. T. DEAN, deceased, late of the County of Luna, in the State of New Mexico.

Whereas, the last will and testament of JAS. T. DEAN, has been filed in the office of the County Clerk for Luna County, New Mexico, you are hereby cited to appear before the Probate Court for said County of Luna to be holden at Deming, New Mexico, on the 1st day of May 1916, in the afternoon of said day, being the time set by said Court for the probating of the last will and testament of JAS. T. DEAN, deceased, there to show cause, if any you have, why said last will and testament should not be admitted to probate by said Court.

Witness the Honorable C. C. FIELDER, Judge of said Court, this 17th day of March, A. D. 1916.

C. R. HUGHES County Clerk.

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